

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of: Douglas P. )  
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Serial No.: 10/790,524 )  
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Filed: March 1, 2004 )  
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For: Locking Mechanism for a )  
Threaded Connection )  
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Attorney Docket No.: 06005/39970 )  
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Group Art Unit: 3679 )  
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Examiner: Garcia, Ernesto )

**AMENDMENT ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the notice of noncompliant amendment mailed on March 13, 2006, the applicants submit the following corrected sections:

**A Listing of Claims** begins on page 2; and

**Remarks** begin on page 6.